

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 USUN N 05857 030055Z

60

ACTION IO-13

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 NSAE-00 NSCE-00 SSO-00

USIE-00 INRE-00 PM-04 H-02 INR-07 L-03 NSC-05 PA-01

PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 DHA-02 ORM-02 AID-05 AF-08 ARA-06

EA-07 EUR-12 NEA-10 /106 W
----- 098491

O R 030034Z DEC 76

FM USMISSION USUN NY

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1367

INFO USMISSION GENEVA

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE USUN 5857

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SHUM, SOCI

SUBJECT: 31ST UNGA - THIRD COMMITTEE: ITEM 12-HUMAN RIGHTS,
POLITICAL PRISONERS

REF: STATE 292902

1. AT THE DEC 1 SESSION OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE, THE DELEGATE OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC STATED THAT THE SWEDISH DRAFT RESOLUTION ON POLITICAL PRISONERS CONTAINED NUMEROUS DEFECTS, AND THAT CERTAIN CLASSES OF PERSONS SUCH AS FASCISTS AND SUPPORTERS OF APARTHEID SHOULD NOT BE EXEMPT FROM PUNISHMENT WITH RESPECT TO EXPRESSION OF THEIR OPINION. THE GDR, THEREFORE, SUBMITTED A RAFT OF AMENDMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED AS DOCUMENT A/C.3/31/L.43.

2. THE USSR, FURTHERMORE, NOTED THAT THE SWEDISH DRAFT NEEDED CAREFUL STUDY BY JURISTS AND SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION WOULD BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO TAKE ACTION ON THE RESOLUTION. NO FORMAL MOTION FOR REFERRAL WAS MADE.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 USUN N 05857 030055Z

3. THE CUBAN DELEGATE HAS ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL TIME TO STUDY

THE RESOLUTION. THE SWEDISH DELEGATE NOTED THAT HE FOUND THIS HARD TO UNDERSTAND AS THE CUBAN DEL WAS FURNISHED A COPY OF THE DRAFT A FEW MONTHS AGO.

4. THE SWEDISH DELEGATE ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAD ACCEPTED THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS IN THE TEXT: IN PREAMBULAR PARA FOUR ADD THE WORDS "RACISM AND" IN LINE 3 AFTER "ALL FORMS OF". IN OPERATIVE PARA ONE, LINE ONE, DELETE "ALL" BEFORE MEMBER STATES. IN OPERATIVE PARA 2, DELETE "ALL" BEFORE MEMBER STATES.

5. THE SWEDES ARE NOW ATTEMPTING TO LINE UP G-77 SUPPORT TO VOTE AGAINST ALL OF THE GDR AMENDMENTS ON THE GROUNDS THAT THEY DUPLICAT THE CONTENTS OF THE BYELORUSSIAN DRAFT. IT APPEARS THAT G-77 SUPPORT FOR SUCH A MOVE IS BUILDING SLOWLY BUT SURELY AS A RESULT OF GROWING PERCEPTION OF THE BLATANT MOVE BY THE EASTERN BLOC TO DISTORT AND DESTROY THE SWEDISH DRAFT. WE DO NOT KNOW HOW MUCH FIRM SUPPORT WILL DEVELOP, HOWEVER.

6. THE SWEDES ALSO SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED WITHDRAWING THEIR RESOLUTION. WE MADE CLEAR THAT IN THE US VIEW IT WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE TO SIMPLY WITHDRAW THE SWEDISH DRAFT AND ALLOW THE BYELORUSSIAN DRAFT TO BE APPROVED. IT WOULD BE VASTLY PREFERABLE TO MAKE AN AGREEMENT TO HAVE BOTH SENT TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, RAHTER THAN TO MAKE A UNILATERAL DECISION ON WITHDRAWAL OF THE SWEDISH DRAFT.

7. IF THE SWEDISH DRAFT IS VOTED ON WITHOUT AMENDMENTS, IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE BYELORUSSIAN DRAFT WOULD ALSO BE PUT TO A VOTE AND APPROVED.

8. A FURTHER POSSIBILITY FOR COMPROMISE EXISTS. THE SWEDES HAVE INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO AMEND PARA 1(A) TO DELETE ALL TEXT AFTER "PERSONS." THE NEW TEXT WOULD READ AS FOLLOWS: "(A) TO TAKE EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO SAFEGUARD THE HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS OF SUCH PERSONS." MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT VIEWS ON THIS POSSIBLE AMENDMENT.

SCRANTON

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 USUN N 05857 030055Z

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: AGREEMENT DRAFT, POLITICAL PRISONERS, UNGA RESOLUTIONS, COMMITTEE MEETINGS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 03 DEC 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: saccheem
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976USUNN05857
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760447-0031
From: USUN NEW YORK
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19761273/aaaacldw.tel
Line Count: 107
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION IO
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 STATE 292902
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: saccheem
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 14 MAY 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <14 MAY 2004 by woolflhd>; APPROVED <07 SEP 2004 by saccheem>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: 31ST UNGA - THIRD COMMITTEE: ITEM 12-HUMAN RIGHTS, POLITICAL PRISONERS
TAGS: SHUM, SOCI, SW
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006